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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111**

Sir,

In response to a second non-final Office Action mailed on September 25, 2006,

Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks.

**Amendments to the claims** are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 12 of this paper.